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September 3, 2009

Governor Christine Gregoire
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Subject: North Spokane Corridor (NSC) TIGER Grant Application

Dear Governor Gregoire,

We were pleased to learn of Secretary Paula Hammond announcement on August 22, 2009 of your decision to submit a \$35 million dollar North Spokane Corridor Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Several of us attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and were impressed with what has been accomplished by WSDOT to date. Should the State of Washington be successful in receiving the TIGER grant funds for finishing US 395 to Frances, the entire region will benefit.

This project has been on the books for decades, slowly gaining momentum with assistance from your office, the legislature, and various members of Congress. We believe the enthusiasm from this recent accomplishment will be a spring board to finish what was started.


As the Spokane region continues to seek funding for additional segments of the NSC, we hope for your continued support and advocacy for this significant transportation asset. This asset will benefit the regions we represent, especially with regard to international economic development opportunities.


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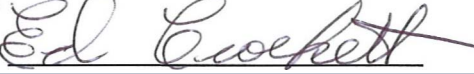
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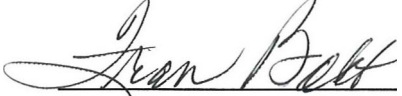
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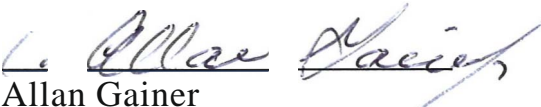

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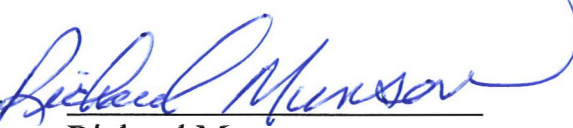

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September 10, 2009

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Secretary Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Ray,

I write to express my full support for the application submitted by the Washington Department of Transportation on behalf of the North Spokane Corridor for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER, Discretionary Grant funding. This additional funding will enable our community, region, and state to continue the progress already made. In fact, just last month, we were able to recognize the completion of the first phase. This event represented more than 50 years of planning and dedication by many in Eastern Washington. While the State has invested more than \$555 million, approximately only \$18 million has been allocated by the federal government. Thus, more can be done to make this truly an international connector as well as an effective multimodal transportation mechanism for our community, state, and nation.

As we look to the future, investment in our transportation infrastructure helps ensure successful economic growth, development, and global competitiveness. Locally, the funding request will support the on going project which is expected to expand the economy through the creation of 750 new jobs and the addition of \$140 million in revenue. Regionally, Eastern Washington remains an essential hub facilitating the movement of goods and people throughout the Pacific Northwest, connecting major trade centers such as Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, Edmonton, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco. Residents and others traveling in the region depend on the highway system to transport agriculture commodities and business goods to other areas of our country.

Once completed, the corridor will connect trade routes through Eastern Washington reducing travel time by approximately two million hours each year, which computes to about \$28 million in savings, and will reduce gasoline use by approximately 1.7 million gallons annually. As important, the corridor encourages the use of alternate transportation by providing park and ride lots, reserving space for high capacity transit, and constructing a pedestrian/bicycle trail.

On behalf of the residents of Eastern Washington, I appreciate your full consideration of the North Spokane Corridor Discretionary Grant application. Should you have any

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questions or need additional information on this project, please do not hesitate to contact Aimee Henneke in my office at 202-225-2006. The transportation investments we make in our country today will benefit generations tomorrow.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cathy McMorris-Rodgers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" being the most prominent.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress

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September 3, 2009

Secretary Raymond LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary:

On behalf of the 16 jurisdictions and agencies represented by Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC), we are sending this letter to support the Washington State Department of Transportation's \$35 million TIGER grant request for the North Spokane Corridor (NSC).

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Spokane metropolitan area, SRTC has been working with a broad base of transportation agencies and community leaders to finally finish a project that has been over 50 years in the making. While the North Spokane Corridor was originally envisioned as a freeway project, that has changed to include several key features that makes it unique from other major transportation projects. The NSC is now a truly multimodal corridor that includes a limited access High Priority Corridor called US 395, a separated bike path running the entire 10.5 miles, park-and-ride facilities, freight rail service, as well as full right of way for a future high-capacity transit system. Currently 5.5 miles of the project is under construction.

On August 22, 2009, we celebrated opening the first drivable segment of the NSC (US 395), as well as the parallel "Children of the Sun" pedestrian/bike trail to great fanfare. Because of the multimodal nature of this project, it enjoys tremendous community and legislative support, which is evidenced by our community's ability to successfully secure hundreds of millions of dollars at the state and local levels to continue construction of this \$3 billion project.

To date, the federal participation on the North Spokane Corridor has been \$18 million out of almost \$600 million already dedicated to the project. We believe this project surpasses all of the criteria for TIGER grant funding by creating short term job creation; opening economic development opportunities in economically disadvantaged areas in our community; relieving congestion and reducing air quality emission on city principle arterials that are currently designated NAFTA routes; and reducing commuter, freight and goods movements adjacent to Spokane's schools, parks, neighborhoods and retail centers. All of these factors have an impact on the livability of our region. In fact, we strongly believe this project would make a great example of what USDOT considers a true TIGER project.

Besides the ability to generate both short and long term job creation and improve the region's livability, the North Spokane Corridor as an infrastructure asset will greatly improve the long-term economic viability of the Inland Northwest. As a commerce corridor into the Canadian

provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, we see continued economic opportunities in the future, especially with further development of the Oil Sands projects near Edmonton, Alberta.

We, the undersigned, constitute the Board of Directors for SRTC, which represents Spokane County, Spokane Transit Authority, and all of the local municipalities within the County, hope that you will recognize the benefit of selecting WSDOT's North Spokane Corridor project for TIGER funding.

If you have further questions or need more information, please feel free to contact SRTC Transportation Manager, Glenn Miles, at 509-343-6382.

Sincerely,

SRTC Board Chair:



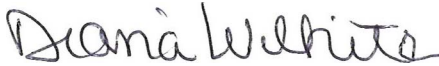
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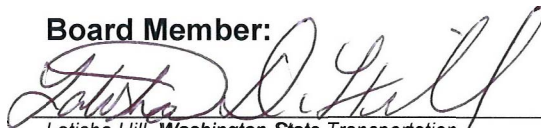
Keith Metcalf, Washington State Department of Transportation, Eastern Region

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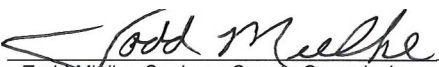
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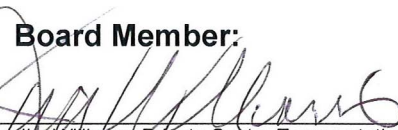
Latisha Hill, Washington State Transportation Commission/Avista Representative

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Todd Melke, Spokane County Commissioner

Board Member:



Jim Williams, Private Sector Transportation Provider

cc: Governor Christine Gregoire
Secretary of Transportation Paula J. Hammond
U.S. Senator Patty Murray
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Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers

***Spokane Regional Council of Governments
Spokane Washington***

September 11, 2009

Secretary Raymond LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: North Spokane Corridor (NSC) TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood,

Prior to the 2008 Legislative session the Spokane Regional Council of Governments coordinated the delivery of resolutions from nearly every legislative official within Spokane County to Olympic, identifying the expedited completion of the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) as this region's number one transportation priority. Today, we are reaffirming that commitment to you. This multimodal project remains our number one transportation priority due to the economic, environmental and safety benefits that will result.

On behalf of the citizens of Spokane, we were pleased to hear on August 22, 2009, Washington State Governor Gregoire's decision to submit a \$35 million North Spokane Corridor Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation. What has been accomplished to date is quite impressive and we are excited about the potential for completely finishing US 395 from Wandermere to Francis, should the State of Washington be successful in receiving the TIGER grant funds.

Spokane has been advancing this project for decades, slowly gaining momentum with assistance from the Governor, the state legislature, and members of Congress. The enthusiasm from our ribbon cutting on the first drivable segment, and this support from the Governor is going to be a spring board to finish what we have started.

On August 22, 2009 this region celebrated the opening of the first drivable segment of the NSC. Successful receipt of these TIGER funds will ensure construction of the shovel-ready southbound lanes; establishing safer, more efficient connectivity to our NAFTA trade partner to the north. This project benefits all modes of transportation; regional State, national and international economic development opportunities; and improves the quality of life for those who live and visit our area.

We thank you for your time and consideration for funding this most vital component of our region's number one transportation infrastructure priority.

Sincerely

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	VICKY M DALTON	SPOKANE COUNTY AUDITOR
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	Tim Ormsby	WA St. Rep L.D. 3
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Patty Murray
United States Senator

August 22, 2009

Washington State Department of Transportation
Attn: Keith Metcalf, Regional Administrator
2714 N Mayfair
Spokane, WA 99207

Dear Friends:

I would like to congratulate the members of the Spokane community gathered today as you celebrate progress on the North Spokane Corridor. This project is a great example of businesses and community members working together to improve the efficiency and safety of one of our region's important corridors.

I have been a proud partner on this project and believe today's success to be a testament to the hard work of the State Legislature and the Department of Transportation as well as community and business organizations that are working together to accomplish great things.

Please accept my warmest wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
United States Senate

Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters

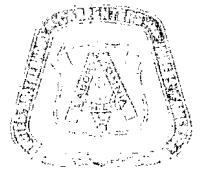
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September 1, 2009

Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray,

We were active participants with the Inland Northwest AGC at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first drivable section of the US 395 North Spokane Corridor. During the ceremony, it was announced that the next phase of the project has been submitted for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds would complete the southbound lanes from Farwell to Freya. Should we be successful, this would allow WSDOT to open the entire section – 5.7 miles - from Freya to Wandermere in 2011.

As the only Eastern Washington project to be submitted, we are excited about what these funds could mean to our community – job creation, economic vitality and increased freight mobility. It is estimated that the \$35 million requested for construction of this “shovel-ready” project would create or save over 500 jobs and generate nearly \$70 million in economic activity.

We are asking for your support today in helping to ensure that this project is funded by the TIGER grants. Spokane has watched this project for decades, slowly gaining momentum with assistance from your office, the State of Washington, and various other members of Congress. The enthusiasm from this recent accomplishment was the spring board for our *US 395 North Spokane Corridor - Keep Spokane Moving - Let's Finish What We Started* campaign.

We look forward to your continued support and advocacy for our number one regional transportation project. An asset that benefits all modes of transportation; regional, State, national and international economic development opportunities; and improves the quality of life for those who live and visit our area.

If there is anything we can do to help support this vital transportation project, we would be more than happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Dan Hutchins
Lead Service Representative

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Laborers' International Union of North America

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September 1, 2009

Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray,

I, along with other members of the Laborers' Local No. 238 were active participants with the Inland Northwest AGC at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first drivable section of the US 395 North Spokane Corridor. During the ceremony, it was announced that the next phase of the project has been submitted for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds would complete the southbound lanes from Farwell to Freya. Should we be successful, this would allow WSDOT to open the 5.7 mile section from Freya to Wandermere in 2011.

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Sincerely,

Richard L. Seidel
Business Manager
Laborers' Union Local 238





International Union of Operating Engineers/Local 370

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Business Manager

September 2, 2009



Senator Patty Murray
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Dear Senator Murray,

I, along with other members of the Operating Engineers Local 370, were active participants with the Inland Northwest AGC at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first drivable section of the US 395 North Spokane Corridor. During the ceremony, it was announced that the next phase of the project has been submitted for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds would complete the southbound lanes from Farwell to Freya. Should we be successful, this would allow WSDOT to open the entire 5.7 mile section from Freya to Wandermere in 2011. This is the only Eastern Washington project to be submitted and we are excited about what these funds could mean to our community in job creation, economic vitality and increased freight mobility. It is estimated that the \$35 million requested for construction of this "shovel-ready" project would create or save over 500 jobs and generate nearly \$70 million in economic activity.

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Sincerely,

Curt Koegen
Business Manager
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 370

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14 September, 2009

Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
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Dear Senator Murray,

Affiliates of the Northeastern Washington – Northern Idaho Bldg. & Construction Trades Council were active participants with other community leaders at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first drivable section of the US 395 North Spokane Corridor. During the ceremony there was an announcement that the next phase of the project has been submitted for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds would complete the southbound lanes from Farwell to Freya. This would allow WSDOT to open the entire 5.7 mile section from Freya to Wandermere in 2011. This is the only Eastern Washington project to be submitted and we are excited about what these funds could mean to our community in job creation, economic vitality and increased freight mobility. It is estimated that the \$35 million requested for construction of this project would create much needed jobs and economic activity.

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Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary/Treasurer
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